

SENATE BILL 1996

By Yager

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8,
Chapter 14 and Title 9, Chapter 4, relative to
district public defenders.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-14-102(b)(1)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(B) A vacancy in the office of the district public defender shall be filled by the voters of the district at the next biennial election more than thirty (30) days after the happening of the vacancy. The election shall be ordered by the governor by issuing proper writs of election to the county election commissions throughout the district, notice being given for one (1) month by publication in two (2) or more newspapers in the district. In the meantime, the governor shall appoint a suitable person to fill the office temporarily until the election takes place.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.